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1. The Soviet garrisons on the Baltic islands of Saaremaa (Osel) and Hiiumaa (Dagö) were strongly reinforced from 15 December 1948 through January 1949. The air force units were noticeably strengthened throughout the island installations. All inhabitants living within the five km. coastal area were closely examined and only those earning a livelihood in the area were allowed to remain. All transport and communications between the islands and the mainland were made subject to revised detailed security regulations. Within the restricted coast defense area, ramps are being built for the launching of V-weapons.
2. All civilians, with the exception of a few proven Communists, have been evacuated from the islands of Suur Pakri and Väike Pakri (Rõgõ), Naissaar (Nargõ), and Muhu (Moon).
3. On the island of Ronu Sala there is reported to be a factory for the production of electrical equipment. In addition, a highway and an airfield are currently under construction there.
4. On the point of Miiduranna (59°30'N, 24°47'E) (Niidusanna?), Viimsi peninsula, a shore defense battery was completed during the summer of 1948. This battery consists of four 152 mm coast defense guns with a maximum range of 26 kms and a firing rate of eight shells per minute; the ammunition used is 45.3 kg armor-piercing shells. The guns are camouflaged inside armored concrete buildings. The battery's defenses consist of two 20 mm anti-aircraft units, supported by two mobile searchlight units. The Miiduranna battery is under the command of Major General P. F. Musyakov and belongs to the "Fortified Area of Tallinn".*
5. The shore defense patrols of the Miiduranna area are furnished by the 2nd Marine Regiment, with headquarters at Pirita (approx. 59°28'N, 24°47'E).

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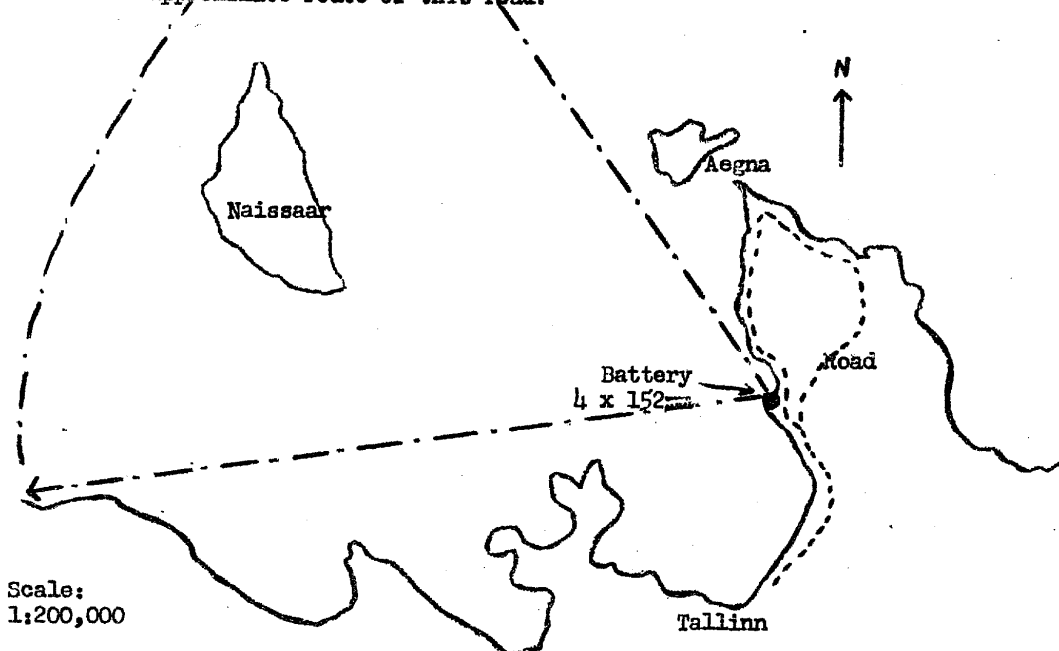
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6. During the summer of 1948, the road laid out along the Viimsi coastline (Miiduranna-Fringi-Rumma-Rohuneemi-Leppneemi) was observed to be of particular importance to the defense and patrolling of the area. The mobile searchlight units were particularly active along this road and along the shoreline of the entire Tallinn area. The following sketch shows the approximate route of this road:



7. A tank division headquarters is reported to be located in the castle at Kaberla (59°27'N, 25°13'E). This formation is quartered in villages and farms along the Estonian coast north of Kumsalu (59°26'N, 25°25'E). The division was transferred to this area from Magdeburg, Germany, in March 1948. Informant observed T-34s, 100 mm anti-tank guns, and 150 mm (approximate) motorized artillery on maneuvers on the coastal road east of Tallinn.
8. East of Tallinn, no major defense installations could be observed along the coast nor were any stationary coast defense guns seen, although the area between the coast and the coastal road is carefully guarded by militia and MVD troops and can be entered only by persons who carry special passes.
9. The former Wehrmacht trench system across the tip of the peninsula north of Randvere (northeast of Tallinn) is still in existence and is kept in repair, but no new defenses were under construction in this area by the summer of 1946 (sic; 1948 ?).
10. A new Tallinn-Leningrad highway is under construction, running south of the existing coastal road. The first 35 kms. from Tallinn eastward was completed and opened to traffic by September 1948. German PW labor is employed in the construction of this road.
11. A new port is being opened at the mouth of the Pirita River, on the east side of Tallinn Bay.
12. In July 1948, work began on the conversion of the Mardu (unlocated, but reportedly 17kms. east of Tallinn) - Tallinn narrow gauge railroad to broad gauge. This conversion is evidently intended to facilitate the transportation to Tallinn of phosphorite from a factory at Mardu.**

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13. German PW Camp 7393 (formerly 393) controls all PW labor in the Tallinn-Leningrad area from an administrative headquarters in Leningrad. The following camps are under its command:

Kartussi Papi (near Tallinn)	
Mardu (No. 7393/8)	
Tapa (recently disbanded))
Rakvere)
Narva (No. 7393/5)	: (All on Tallinn-Leningrad railroad)
Kingisepp)
Krasnoye Selo)
Leningrad	
Sestroretsk	

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* ~~SECRET~~ Comment: This battery was reported by another source in para. 3d.

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** ~~SECRET~~ Comment: This is presumably a narrow gauge factory line being converted to 1,524 m. gauge.

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